

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 14, 18 and 21 have been amended. No new matter has been presented by way of the amendments.

Claims 2, 4, 6-10, 12, 14 and 16-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 4, 14 and 21 are independent claims. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Claims 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are indicated as allowed.

DOUBLE PATENTING:

Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12 and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,532,210 to Park.

Applicants traverse the rejection in light of the amendments made to claim 21 herein.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §§ 102 & 103:

Claims 12 and 14-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,532,210 to Park (Park). Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being obvious over Park. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 14, 18 and 21 have been amended to address the rejections.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 14 patentably distinguishes over Park, and should be allowable for at least the above-mentioned reasons. Since similar features recited by independent claim 21, with potentially differing scope and breadth, are not taught or disclosed by Park, the rejection should be withdrawn and claim 21 also allowed.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12, 16-20, 22 and 23 which variously depend from independent claims 14 and 21, should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 14 and 21, as well as for the additional features recited therein.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested the rejection of claims 12 and 14-22 be withdrawn.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.116:

Entry of this Amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116 is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that this Amendment After Final Rejection places the subject application in condition for allowance. This Amendment was not presented earlier because Applicant believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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